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SUBJ: KIM IL SUNG MEETS LDP DIETMEN

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT DPRK PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG MET WITH VISITING LDP DELEGATION HEADED BY HAJIME TAMURA FOR FOUR HOURS AT GUEST HOUSE OUTSIDE OF PYONGYANG EVENING OF JULY 27. KIM SAID THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF HASTENING IMPROVEMENT OF ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS, AND DESCRIBED AID TO SOUTH BY GOJ AS ANACHRONISM. HE DENIGRATED RUMORS ABOUT "THREAT FROM NORTH," AND EXPLAINED THAT DPRK HAD NO INTENTION OF ADVANCING INTO SOUTH. HE STATED HIS WILLINGNESS HOLD TALKS WITH VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES IN SOUTH INCLUDING REPUBLICAN PARTY. KIM TOLD DIET VISITORS THAT HE BELIEVED FIRMLY THAT PEOPLES OF NORTH AND SOUTH WANT UNIFICATION AND, THOUGH BARRIERS EXIST, BOTH SIDES SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD THAT GOAL.

2. NEW NORTHEAST ASIA DIV DIR ENDO SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON KIM INTERVIEW BEYOND WHAT HAD APPEARED IN PRESS. HE CONJECTURED THAT KIM HAD CHANGED HIS MIND (ORIGINALLY KIM REPORTED TO BE OUT OF TOWN FOR
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DELEGATION) BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BALANCE OFF SUCCESS

OF MIYAZAWA VISIT TO SEOUL. ENDO SAID HE HAD PLANS
TO TALK WITH MEMBER OF DELEGATION WHEN IT RETURNED
TO TOKYO.

3. COMMENT: ATTENTION PAID BY KIM TO LDP DOES NO HARM
TO JAPANESE INTERESTS. ON CONTRARY, IMPRESSION THAT
OFFICIAL TILT TOWARD SEOUL IS COUNTERWEIGHTED BY
UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH PYONGYANG MAKES DOMESTIC
CRITICS SOMEWHAT EASIER TO HANDLE.
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